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The Directorate has received many queries seeking clarification whether the Shipmaster's Medicare course certificate issued by INHS Aswini was acceptable for issue of various endorsements and certificate of competency.

The matter was examined in the Directorate. The Shipmaster's Medicare course conducted by INHS Aswini was on behalf of the Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Advanced Maritime Studies and Research (LBS CAMSAR).

M/s LBS CAMSAR has confirmed that they would replace all course certificates issued by INHS Aswini after 1st February 1997 by a certificate in the prescribed format. Hence, candidates who have not yet collected the revised certificate are advised to collect the certificate from LBSCAMSAR at the earliest.

Shipmaster's Medicare Course conducted before 1<sup>st</sup> February 1997 was upgraded to the requirements of the 1995 amendments by the upgradation course for conversion of the certificate of competency. In view of the same, candidates in possession of the Certificate of Competency as specified by the 1995 amendments are not required to attend the course again. They will be issued with the various endorsements etc without insisting on submission of revised Medicare Course certificate in the prescribed format.

This is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master & Mates and Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India.

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